

Vision 2020 Education Task Group  
June 13 Meeting  
Jefferson Cutter House 7:00-9:00pm

Attendees: Linda Hanson, Julie Rosenberg, Michael Stern, Jennifer Susse, Lisa Grogan-McCulloch, Brucie Moulton, Karen O'Hage

Minutes Recorded by Michael Stern

1) Introduction of Attendees and then Guest Speaker Linda Hanson, President of Teachers' Union

2) Linda initially spoke about a several different issues:

--All core subject teachers must take a graduate level course in ESL within three years.

--Arlington decided not to be "Race to the Top" District. The Union was not very interested and Linda believes that was a good decision.

--Teacher Eval.--more intense for first three years. There are announced and unannounced classroom evaluations.

--Arlington is taking a three-year ramp up for the for Standards of Teacher Evaluation

--State Standards began in the 1990s; The District has its own conditions for some aspects of evaluation

--Common Core standards were adopted in 2011

3) Linda went over highlights of Massachusetts Tell Survey Results

--Key Finding is that Teachers are NOT too impressed with Professional Dev. they are receiving

4) Linda went over highlights of the Salary Survey

--Salary Survey became catalyzed after employees were moved to the GIC

--Salary Survey shows Arlington consistently generally below (by 5-10%) the mean of the 11 other Towns surveyed

5) Enrollment Discussion: There are already more than 500 kids expected to enroll for Kindergarten, and the idea is that more are likely to enroll.

6) Top of Linda's list for School Improvement:

Teaacher planning and collaboration; more support for kids with specialized needs; Prof. Dev. and Leadership training; Teachers should be doing less data entry.

7) Approval of Minutes, Notice that we will not meet in July

8)Adjourn